

KAPLAN CASE

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Bill,

have the following info on Fibrelite Corporation:

From Garrison:

The DA's office received the same information which you relayed to me on the phone, apparently from the same source (Washington). He wrote for additional info, but has not conducted an investigation into the activities of Fibrelite Corp. He (Garrison), seems to consider the source reliable, and the lead interesting, but apparently does not have the staff to check out all the leads he receives as soon as he'd like to. So, he ask me to relay any info I came up with after clearing with you.

from Fibrelite's New Orleans office (via phone):

Fibrelite Corp. manufactures a construction board from sugar cane fibers. It is ~~xxxxx~~ suitable for door cores, partitions, roof decking, etc. It sells for 15 cent a foot and is a quality product, according to Mr. Stanton, Vice Pres., and sales manager. His, Mr. Freiria is still Pres. of the ~~xxx~~ corp., and they will be happy to send me a brochure, which I ~~asked~~ asked for. I was satisfied ~~xxxxx~~ with the response I received on the phone so I decided not to drive to Vacherie, La. to confirm it.

Gathered additional info from N.O. Public Library:

Fibrelite Corp. is the outgrowth of the reorganization of the old National Magazine Products Corp., Box 146, Vacherie, La. E.L. Pike, ex. V-P & Treas. I checked out some trade publications, but could find no tie with the International Trade Mart or Clay Shaw. *in 15 or 16*

Bill, I don't think we're going to get very far unless Garrison decides to put an investigator on the case, or unless you can get additional info from your original source. Apparently your source does know something, the question is, where did he learn it, and what else does he know? I suggest you contact him in person if possible.

My conversation with Mr. Garrison was very encouraging. He was please with your article, and asked for the Ramparts number, saying that he would call you. In case he hasn't called this is basically what he said in regard to Ramparts & your article: He thinks that you have the best understanding of the case of anyone so far, and he thinks that we should coordinate our efforts on the Kaplan case. He took my number and ask me to keep in touch. While repeating what you told me, he commented that Mexico keeps popping up in his investigation.

From the preliminary research I've done on the International Trade Mart, it looks very intriguing. Already I've run across two foundations, the Cornell Oil Foundation and the Stern Foundation, and I think possibly Sagar B. Stern is on the Bd. of Directors of the Trade Mart. He owns WDSU, which is trying to sabotage Garrison's investigation, with the help of the CIA and NBC. *WDSU*

If you get additional info on Fibrelite and Kaplan, I please let me know. I've put in about six hours so far, no expenses. More later.

Re: Bill's info.

From Jack Frasier, a N.O. subscriber to Ramparts who lives on Chartre St.

Freiria is a cousin to Louis Vidal, Jr., the supposed victim of Joel Kaplan.

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